RIBAULT CLASS OF '67

REUNION COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 11, 2023

The Ribault Class of 67 Reunion Committee met on Saturday, February 11, 2023 in the home of Mary Ann Meares Crumley where we enjoyed a lovely lunch prepared by our hostess.

Attendees included Vanessa Perry Bowden, Charlene Barrow Catlett, Mary Ann Meares Crumley, Eddie Dedmon, L Nancy Pace Ford, Lucy Godbee, Ray Godbee, Cathy Copps Hillis, Mike Key, Pat Knezevich, and Sharon Lane.

Nancy Ford, Treasurer, reported on the state of our funds related to the reunion and the current balance in our account. On the reunion itself we lost \$104. We made a little over \$1000 on our silent auction which helped cover the loss from reunion funds. Current balance is \$4474. A discussion was held regarding several topics related to our finances. The primary reason for having a bank account and maintaining a minimum of \$2000 is to have seed money for activities like the reunion and our class birthday parties. Our goal for each event is to break even and to reduce cost. We also pay a yearly fee for our website. Fundraisers are done in an effort to reduce the cost of activities. A discussion was held about what to do with any funds in the account should the Committee be dissolved. More thought will go into the possibilities.

A recap of the reunion was done and it was agreed that the feedback consistently said that it was the best one yet. Items that will be looked at going forward will include a better organization of the class photo process and placing the registration table in the hospitality room. Things to keep included were the hospitality room with the displays, the silent auction, and the relaxed nature of the weekend. It was agreed that the tradition of the items being donated by the members of the committee should continue.

The Class bylaws were discussed. They were last updated in 2013. As we look at updating this document we have gathered suggestions from others in the class.

These changes/additions include a section on how the bylaws can be amended, altered/changed. It will include a clearer process for making nominations for officers and the election of same. It will include a clarification of who can vote in an election. It will include how our funds will be dispersed if the committee is no longer functional. It will include who is defined as a member of the class.

A discussion about the class quilt rendered several ideas. Nancy Ford has spent a great deal of time and energy doing a catalogue of each square. The quilt is a centerpiece for classmates to gather and search for names. Although we now have a legend, we do not want to relinquish this process by taking away the search. Nancy stated that there were some names missing from the quilt and we will look at how to correct that going forward. A big thanks to Nancy for all her hard work. We talked about what to do with the quilt when we no longer have members of the class to maintain it. Mike Key suggested that we contact the local National Historical Society and see if they might want to take possession when the time comes. Mike is going to check into that and report back at the next meeting.

It was decided that we would not hold a regular monthly meeting as there is not a lot of business to do between events. Meetings will be called by the Chairman during the lull between the reunion and the birthday party and become more regularly scheduled in plenty of time to prepare before the activity.

The election of new officers was held. The new slate is as follows:

Chairman – Mary Ann Meares Crumley

Vice Chairman – Pat Knezevicch

Secretary – Sharon Lane

Treasurer - Nancy Pace Ford

The bank account will need a signature change to reflect the new officers. Mary Ann Crumley, new Chairman, will need to do a new application with the bank in order to add her signature to the account. Nancy Pace Ford, Treasurer, will remain as a signature on the account. Sharon Lane, outgoing Chairman, will be removed from the account. Nancy, Sharon and Mary Ann will decide on a time to go to the bank together. This change to the signatures on the bank account is approved by the Ribault Reunion Committee on this day.

Sharon Lane, outgoing chairman, turned the meeting over to Mary Ann. Our new Chairman asked that we all start thinking about the birthday party for both dates and location and bring that info. back to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be June 10 with time and location to be announced.